aeration should be earmarked for the social forestry programme. The State Governments have been advised to give the highest priority to programmes of mi nor irrigation, soil conservation and afforestation.

Increase in the price of ghee

*156. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the market price of Ghee, specially that produced by the Dairy Cooperative sector and supported by Central grants, *aids* and loans has escalated recently without any correspond-ing increase in the milk prices for the producers by the Cooperative sector plants and if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up Farm Producer Price Fixation Authority throughout the country to fix maximum producer and consumer price, with representation of producers/consumers and Government?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S, DHILLON): (a) Price of deshi ghee is generally influenced by the behaviour of the prices of edible oils, feed, fodder, milk a*nd* prices of other essential commodities. There has been increase in the price of desi ghee recently and also increase in the procurement price of milk. Production and marketing of desi ghee is largely in the hands of unorganised sector. However, keeping in view the interest of producers and consumers, the Government have undertaken a number of programme for enhancement of milk production so that prices of milk and milk products are maintained at reasonable level.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration at this stage.

Import of Coal

*157. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that previous foreign exchange is being spent every year on the import of coking coal for Various industrial purposes;

(b) if so, how much amount has been spent during the last three financial years, on this account; and

(c) what steps have been taken to improve the quality of indigenous coal to minimise the dependence on imported coal?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The quantity and value of coking coal imported by the steel industry during tho last tthree years is as follows:—

Year	Quantity imported (SAIL & TISCO) (in million tonnes)	Approxi-mate C&F Value (Rs. in crores)
1983-84*	0.463	37-5
1984-85*	0665	55 8
1985-86	2.454	195.8

*OnIy SAIL imported during 1983-84 and 1984-85.

(c) To minimise imports, steps are being taken to increase production of the right quality of indigenous coking coal. Sone of the remedial measures taken by Coal Initia Limited for improving the quality of coal delivered to the steel plants 'are:—

(i) Elimination of extraneous impurities in the feed coal and stringent quality-control.

(ii) Elimination of offending sources of supply of raw coal feed which have been identified.

(iii) Better management of existing washeries, aimed at optimisation in per-formance levels.

(iv) Modernisation of existing washeries where necessary.

(v) Ensuring that the new washeries which have been commissioned and were proposed to be commissioned during the 7th Plan are operated to achieve designed levels of performance.

(vi) Introducing new technologies in coal beneficiation.

Regularisation of colonies by the DDA

158. DR. MOHD. HASHlM KIDWAI; "Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colonies regularised by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) during the year 1985-86 and in the current financial year;

(b) the number of colonics which have yet to be regularised by the DDA;

(c) the total amount of money paid to the DDA by the recognised or regularised colonies during the same period; and

(d) by when the unrecognised colonies are likely to be recognised or regularised by the DDA?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) The D.D.A. had complied a list of 155 unauthorised colonies for consideration for regularisation. Out of them 137 colonies were regularised, 7 are being dealt with as notified slums, regularisation of 7 was rejected and the cases of 4 remain to be finalised. No colony has been regularised by the D.D.A. during 1985-86 or in the current financial year. All the unauthorised colonies in the jurisdiction of D.D.A. have since been transferred to the M.C.D.

(c) Rs. 80,866.71

(d) The cases of the remaining unautho-rised colonies will be decided by the MCD in accordance with the policy for regularisation of such colonies covering residential and commercial structures constructed here in upto 30-6-77 and 16-2-77 respectively. It is not feasible to lay down 'any time limit for the purpose.

Exploitation of marine resources

*159. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have opened all possible avenues for big companies and multinationals to exploit our marine resources from January 1, 1987;

(b) whether the steep fall in catchne this season has been taken note of, before going for joint ventures and charter; etc.;

(c) what were the reasons for ignoring the fall in catches on the East Coast this year;

(d) whether Government are also aware of the failure of such policies like chartering earlier;

(e) what steps Government propose to fake *for* protecting fishermen, if catches fall due to such policies; and

(f) whether any funds have been set apart for compensating small fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) Under the new policy of point venture in deep sea fishing with foreign collaboration, applications from large Indian industrial houses and the companies coming under MRTP FERA may also be considered for establishment of joint ventures in deep sea fishing.

(b) The trend of fish production dur-iing the first nine months of the vear 1986-87 does not indicate any steep fall in cat ches. Fishing vessels under charter and joint ventures would operate in deep sea areas beyond the area of operation of mechanised and non-mechanised boats in order to exploit the deep sea resources. Operation of such vessel would increase fish production and export of marine products .

(c) The figures available with the Gov ernment do not indicate any fall *m* catch.